Cut in Subsidy on low analysis fertilizers

1048. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to cut subsidy on low analysis fertilizers like ammonium sulphate, calcium ammonium nitrate, ammonium chloride and superphosphate;

(b) if so, whether its impact on the operations of the manufacturing plants have been considered;

(c) whether there is any proposal to import phosphate to make up the shortfall in the indigenous production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The matter is under review by Government. No final decision has yet been taken.

(c) and (d) Indigenous production of phosphatic fertilizers is not sufficient to meet the country's requirements. The gap between domestic availability of phosphatic feriljzers and country's assessed requirements is bridged through imports.

New Rent Control Act

1049. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legislation on the line of new Rent Control Act for Delhi has been recommended to the State Governments; and

(b) if so, their reaction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have decided to make recommendation to the State Governments to consider amendments in their respective Rent Control Legislation on the lines of the Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Act, 1988.

Loss of production in mini-steel plants due to shortage of scrap

1050. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased ot state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of scrap required by mini-steel plants;

(b) if so, the reasons for not allowing imports thereof; and

(c) what is the loss of production likely to be incurred by mini-steel plants in terms of tonnage and value?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the reported shortage of melting scrap in the country.

(b) Does not arise as imports are taking place.

(c) It is difficult to assess if there will be shortfall in production of mini steel plants at this stage.

Registration of Producers and Directors

1051. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan have called for fresh registration of TV serial producers and directors;

(b) if so, how many applications have been received;

(c) by when Doordarshan will sort out and register the applicants;

(d) what is the criteria sought to be applied in this regard; and

(e) what are the reasons for an open-door policy not being adopted instead of selected parties being registered?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROAD-

CASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 5,130 applications were received.

(c) and (d) The Selection Committee is examining the applications and a final review will be done in December this year. Only professionals of proven track record or trained Directors will be empanelled for making sponsored programmes.

(e) The empanelment has been resorted to for improving the quality of serials. It was Doordarshan's experience that previously, a number of persons having no professional background had applied for approval of proposals for Sponsored Programmes.

पूर्वी दिल्ली में राशन कार्यालय का खोला जाना

1052. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के पूर्वी क्षेत्र में गौतमपुरी, जाफराबाद, सीलमपुर और अन्य निकटवर्ती बस्तियों के उचित दर दुकान के वितरकों और निवासियों को मंडल 43 और मंडल 2 तक आने-जाने में बडी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है क्योंकि ये मंडल इन स्थानों से अत्यन्त दूर स्थित है, जब कि इस प्रकार की सुविधा मंडल पांच के निकट एक अस्थायी शिविर का प्रबन्ध करके प्रदान की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार दिल्ली प्रशासन की ओर से एक अस्थायी शिविर का प्रबन्ध करके यह सुविधा प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) से (ग). दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि मंडल कार्यालय संख्या 43, जो पहले घोंडा गांव में स्थित था और जाफराबाद तथा गौतमपुरी क्षेत्रों की आवश्यकतायें पूरी कर रहा था, को हटाकर दिल्ली में भजनपुरा क्षेत्र में एक केन्द्रीय रूप मे स्थित स्थान पर ले जाया गया है । मंडल कार्यालय संख्या 2, जो सीलमपुर क्षेत्र की आवश्यकताएं पूरी करता है, शाहदरा के रामनगर क्षेत्र में स्थित है । यह कार्यालय सीलमपुर के पर्याप्त निकट है ।

इस प्रकार इन दोनों मंडल कार्यालयों की अवस्थिति उपभोक्ताओं तथा उचित दर दुकानों के डीलरों के लिए सुविधाजनक है और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन फिलहाल अस्थायी शिविर सुविधाएं बनाना आवश्यक नहीं समझता है ।

1053. [Transferred to the 30th November, 1988].

Telecast of Indian History, religion and culture

1054. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether after successful and respondable influence of 'Ramayana' and 'Mahabharata' serials Government propose to telecast T.V. films on Indian History, religion and culture; and

(b) if so, whether Government have asked the Doordarshan to encourage more films on Indian religion to be telecast; if so, whether any such programme is being prepared?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) It has been the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes highlighting our history, culture, philosophy and literature. The basic objective of serialisation of 'Ramayana' and 'Mahabharata' is to bring to the viewers the literary, aesthetic and ethical aspects of the great epics. This policy shall continue to be pursued.

(b) The policy of the Government is not to encourage religious programmes as such, but at the same time the cultural